

the chance to select whom they please to represent them. So if the people decide that on the Weed Board or in the Legislature or on the Board of Regents that an individual who is not a registered voter or has reached the age of eighteen or twenty, or whatever it might be in the various statutes, the public should have the right and the opportunity to vote for such a person. Remember, the representative who is elected is sent there by the people who wanted a representative at that location. Much can be said about various locations in the state by those of us who are here in the Legislature. It is obvious that those people in my district want somebody who reads, who does his homework, who is not afraid to take a position openly and notoriously in behalf of what he believes, so they sent me here. Each district we must presume has sent the most capable, qualified individual in their area to this Legislature. They have sent the most capable person available under the age restrictions that exist. So we ought to put to a test whether or not in fact the public is being given the opportunity to make a true choice of whom they would like to have represent them. There is no need to put an age requirement for those who hold the office, although you may want one for those who vote. When you talk about voting, you are talking about large numbers of people who collectively will place judgments and make decisions that will impact on everybody whether they vote or not. So you make certain presumptions about age, that if people have been in the world a certain number of years, they have some glimmerings of the type of person they think ought to be in a position to do those things that perhaps they themselves don't know how to do. So although a person may be in a position to vote on who will be the auditor, that voter may not know enough about auditing to be able to even tell you what the job consists of. So there are distinctions between the qualifications of those who vote and those who are to hold the office. There is no necessity that those who vote understand what is going on in the office. And when you look at the outcome of certain national, state and local elections, they don't have to know too much and don't care too much about the people they send to those offices. Such being the case, we are depriving the public of an entire category of citizens who perhaps could bring more to some of these positions than those older persons can bring. It has been made clear that the reason "registered voter" has been